

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this supplemental amendment, claims 57-80 were pending in this application. Claims 57-70, and 72-80 are amended. Claims 81-84 are newly added. No claims are canceled. Accordingly, claims 57-84 will be pending upon entry of this amendment. No new matter is added.

In the non-final Office Action mailed October 31, 2008, claims 57-66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, but indicated to be allowable over the art of record; and Claims 67-80 were allowed.

Applicant appreciates Examiner Poinvil's recognition of the allowability of claims 67-80 and the allowability of claims 57-66 over the art of record.

The undersigned attorney and his colleague, Steven Lawrenz, also appreciate Examiner Poinvil's consideration in discussing the Section 101 rejection during the telephone interview of February 11, 2009. The Examiner indicated that addition of "electrically" at the beginning of the acts recited in independent claims 57 and 59 would overcome the Section 101 rejection. Applicant's representatives agreed to make these amendments.

The claims are amended above to reflect this agreement, to correct informalities, and to improve readability. In light of these amendments, applicant respectfully submits that claims 57-80 are in condition for allowance.

New claims 81-84 are supported by applicant's disclosure, e.g., Figures 4 and 9A1-9F3 and corresponding sections of the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 81-84 are allowable over the art of record for at least reasons similar to the reasons why claims 57-80 are allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 81-84 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, each of the pending claims is patentable. The applicants accordingly request reconsideration of the application and a mailing of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Davin Chin at (206) 359-8000.

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